

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0055] A protective pad apparatus that prevents water damage and water pooling upon indoor surfaces. When placed between a receptacle of ice and its underlying surface, said surface is shielded from dripping condensate. The invention utilizes several fabric features of different densities that cooperate to absorb and then to disperse water. There is an absorptive upper portion, a wicking-barrier core, and an insulative bottom portion, all of which are permanently attached to create a pad. The pad apparatus is of a capacity and size to function as an adjunct to vessels containing many servings of a beverage or food.